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**Department of Health Services  
Children's Medical Services Network  
(CMS Net) - Information Bulletin #110**

## **Use of Individual Codes on Special Care Center SARs REVISED - Important Notice**

In December, the CMS Net system was modified to allow users to add an individual procedure code to SARs issued to Special Care Centers Service Code Groups. We have been informed that this will cause claims for those individual codes to fail at EDS. Therefore, the CMS Net system has been modified to remove this functionality.

It will be necessary to issue new SARs specifically for the individual procedure codes, in order for the provider to receive payment for those services. Requests from Special Care Center providers for individual procedure codes not in the SCG should be issued in one of two ways:

1. Directly to the provider that will be providing the service--not to the Special Care Center number; **or**
2. To the hospital or Special Care Center's outpatient provider number. The hospital or Special Care Center can then bill for employee providers such as therapists and nutritionists. This outpatient provider number can also be used by the physician provider claiming services as the rendering provider.

Other procedure codes such as DME, hearing aids, and medical supplies, or factor should be issued to the appropriate provider using their Medi-Cal provider number.

The original SAR will continue to work for services that are in the SCG and therefore, the original SAR does not need to be reissued.

We have generated a report identifying the SARs that are impacted which has been sent to your county for use in identifying those providers to whom a separate SAR must be issued. You will most likely be contacted by the SCC as claim denials are beginning to show up on the providers' check writes. You should advise them that the Program is aware of the problem and that you will issue the additional SAR.

Please note that the ability to add individual procedure codes is still available on SARs for SCGs issued to individual providers. The problem only exists with SARs issued to Special Care Centers.